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Lady Death



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THE BORDER BRIDGE

EAST OF
NOVGOROD

1225AD.

MY
SWORD!

BROTHERS AND
SISTERS, FELLOW
MASTERS OF TRADE AND
COMMERCE, LET ME
ENLIGHTEN YOU WITH
A TALE SO UNREAL
IT IS TRUE.

A STORY
OF DARING AND
COURAGE THAT COULD
VERY WELL BRING A
TEAR TO YOUR EYE AND
A BURBLE TO YOUR
INTESTINES.

LET ME TELL YOU OF A WOMAN PART HUMAN AND PART ELDRITCH, POSSESSING QUALITIES OF BOTH, YET BELONGING TO NEITHER CLAN.

SHE IS UNIQUE TO THE WORLD, A HALF-BREED, AND A FIERCE ONE AT THAT. UGLY AS ALL HUMANS, BUT VALUABLE FOR HER STORY-INSPIRING QUALITIES.

LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT LADY DEATH!

NOT FOR LONG.

WELCOME, SISTER.

JOIN ME IN DISPATCHING THE HUMAN VERMIN.

LIKE HELL YOU WILL!

WAIT, YOU'RE THE HALF-BREED!

BACK OFF, BOTH OF YOU! WE'VE SHED ENOUGH BLOOD THIS DAY.

TRAITOR!

BETRAYER!

YOU CAUSED THE EXPLOSION OF THE BORDER BRIDGE!

THE ELDRITCH STARTED THIS! IF YOU COULD ONLY LIVE IN PEACE, BUT YOU CANNOT YOU SO FEAR HUMAN ENCROACHMENT—!

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE!

I'LL HAVE YOUR HEAD!



BUT SHE IS NO ONE'S PUPPET!

I WARNED HIM.

BUT HE RISKED MY IRON BLADE FOR GLORY.

LOOK WHAT HE GOT INSTEAD.

WILL YOU STAND DOWN OR ARE YOU PREPARED TO TOSS AWAY YOUR LIFE?



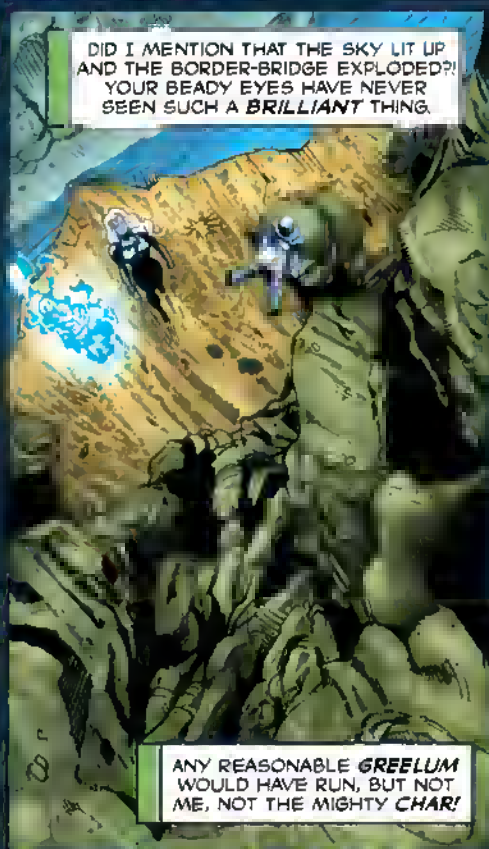
I HAVE MY DUTY TO GOD DEMON!



PREDICTABLE.

I WARNED YOU.

KRAM!



DID I MENTION THAT THE SKY LIT UP AND THE BORDER-BRIDGE EXPLODED?! YOUR BEADY EYES HAVE NEVER SEEN SUCH A BRILLIANT THING.

ANY REASONABLE GREELUM WOULD HAVE RUN, BUT NOT ME, NOT THE MIGHTY CHAR!



YOU ARE
UNDERSTANDABLY
EXCITED, CHAR.


YOU
LIBERATED
MY SON **LATTAR**
FROM THE HANDS OF
THE HUMANS AND
HAVE WITNESSED
AN INCREDIBLE
SIGHT.

BUT
WHAT ELSE
DO YOU KNOW
OF THIS LADY
DEATH?



I KNOW ALL
THERE IS TO
KNOW!

LISTEN
WELL...



YEARS AGO THE TOWN OF NOVGOROD WAS
ATTACKED BY THE ELDRITCH. YOU KNOW
THE ELDRITCH. THE ALABASTER DEVILS
WHO WORSHIP THE CHAOS LORDS?

THEY CALL THEIR ATTACKS
ON HUMANS **SPORT**-- THE
WILD HUNT.

THE ELDRITCH. ONCE RULERS
OF ALL THE REALMS, VIEW
HUMANS AS VERMIN TO BE
KILLED OFF

IN THE MIDST OF BATTLE, A ROMANCE
BREWED BETWEEN TVARUS, LEADER
OF THE ELDRITCH AND A HUMAN
VILLAGE WOMAN MARION.

MARION BECAME
WITH CHILD

FEARING THE WORST, THAT
HER CHILD WOULD BE A
MONSTROSITY, SHE FLED
HER HOMELAND.

MARION.
I LAY MY
HEART BEFORE
YOU. I'VE BEEN
ENTRANCED SINCE
I FIRST GAZED
UPON YOU.

I HAD TO
SEE YOU.

COME
TO ME,
TVARUS.

THE CHILD WAS
PERFECTLY
HUMAN (THEY
ARE UGLY
THINGS, AREN'T
THEY?), BUT
MARION LIVED
IN FEAR ANYWAY.

SHE THOUGHT TVARUS
WOULD RETURN TO
CLAIM THE CHILD.

BUT THE CHILD, HOPE, WAS DESPERATE TO
KNOW HER BEGINNINGS AND LED HER
MOTHER BACK TO NOVGOROD. WHY, I DON'T
KNOW. THERE ARE NO LOVELY, LOVELY
JEWELS IN THAT WRETCHED VILLAGE.

HOPE,
LISTEN TO
ME.

I DON'T
WANT PEOPLE
HERE TO SEE
ME

APPLES
PEARS
PIGS!


KIND SIR,
COULD I BUY A
LOAF OF BREAD
BEFORE YOU
CLOSE?

IT WAS THAT NIGHT
SHE BECAME OF
AGE AND HER TRUE
ELDRITCH HERITAGE
SHOWED THROUGH.


I DON'T SEE
WHY NOT A
PRETTY GAL SUCH
AS YOU SURELY
NEEDS-

-YOUR
EYES! YOUR
EYES!

HELP!



A VILLAGER, HENRY HEINEMANN, LED AN ATTACK ON THE WOMEN.




...
THEY DID THE UNTHINKABLE.




MARION WAS MURDERED...



... AND HOPE WAS DROWNED.



I'M HUM-----



OR SO THEY THOUGHT!

NOW THEY WILL ALL HAVE HELL TO PAY!



MISTER CHAR,
HOW CAN YOU
KNOW ALL THIS
ABOUT DEATH
LADY?

I HAVE MY
SOURCES,
LATTAR. I HAVE
MY SOURCES.

GET
ON WITH
IT!



THOUGH SHE WAS
FORMIDABLE AND SHE
POSSESSED THE
STRENGTHS OF BOTH
RACES, SHE WAS
UNTRAINED AND
VULNERABLE.



A WARRIOR KNIGHT,
WOLFRAM VON BACH,
CAME TO HER AID.



IT TURNS OUT HE WAS
WATCHING FOR HER
SINCE THE NIGHT SHE
WAS CONCEIVED!



HE TRAINED
HER IN THE ART OF
COMBAT.

SHE WAS A
SUPERB STUDENT.



THERE'S
TOO MANY OF
THE DEVILS!

FIGHT
ON AND
FEED THEM
IRON!

SO WHAT LED FROM
THERE TO THIS NIGHT'S
DESTRUCTION OF THE
BORDER-BRIDGE?

LADY DEATH'S FATHER, TVARUS,
WAS IMPRISONED FOR COUPLING
WITH MARION. LADY DEATH AND
WOLF WERE TRAVELING TO
AGLAROND TO FREE HIM.

CONTASEROUS,
LORD OF CHAOS!
BRING ME HOME!

INSTEAD THEY RAN HEAD
ON INTO A BATTLE FOR
CONTROL OF THE BORDER-
BRIDGE BETWEEN
HUMANS AND ELDORICH.



TEE
HEE

TEE
HEE

TEE
HEE

TVARUS HAD ESCAPED
HIS PRISON AND HIS...
DEMEANOR HAD
CHANGED.

AARRGGHH!



HE MORTALLY WOUNDED
WOLF WHO WAS THEN
BORNE ALOFT BY A
DRAGON FRIEND!

HE'LL
BE SAFE
WITH ME

TVARUS BATTLED
LADY DEATH. FATHER
FOUGHT DAUGHTER.



I UNDERSTAND MY
RESPONSIBILITY NOW.
HOPE. I UNDERSTAND
MY PLACE AS LEADER
OF THE ELDRITCH.

I'VE
LEARNED THE
ERRORS OF MY
WAYS AND I MEAN
TO **CORRECT**
THEM.



DAMN
YOU!

I CAME
TO SAVE
YOU!

BUT
ALL YOU
CARE FOR
IS WAR!

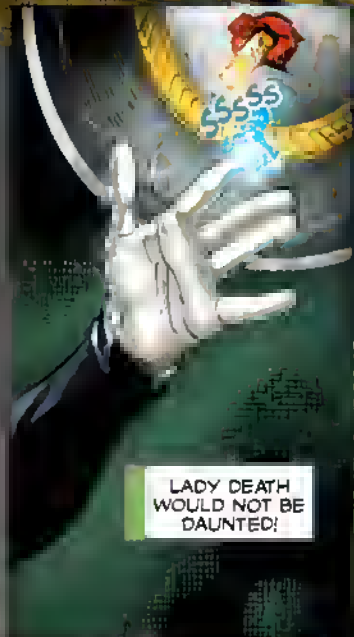
DEATH!

DESTRUCTION!

STOP!

YOU
DON'T KNOW
WHAT THAT
CANNON'S
CAPABLE OF!

THEN THE GLORIOUS BORDER-
BRIDGE FELL TO RUIN, LEAVING
DELICIOUS FRAGMENTS RIPE FOR
BARTER AS GENUINE TOKENS OF
THE HISTORIC EVENT.



LADY DEATH
WOULD NOT BE
DAUNTED!



WHAT
OF LADY
DEATH?

WHAT OF
TVARUS?

WHAT
OF THE
HUMANS?

I WAS
TELLING THE
STORY.

IF
YOU'D STOP
INTERRUPTING
ME...

SOME OF THE STORY
REQUIRES ME TO ADD
CLEVER SPECULATION
TO FACT...

YOU MEAN YOU'RE
GUESSING!

IT'S A
TALENT.

AFTER I LIBERATED
LATTAR

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?

QUIET,
LATTAR-- I
NEED TO SEE
WHAT'S
HAPPENED.

DON'T
GO MISTER
CHAR.

LET'S
CELEBRATE.

GO. I'LL
CATCH UP WITH
YOU AT THE
UNDERLANDS.


THE
BRIDGE.
ITS. ITS--

OH DEAR
GOD, PLEASE
GIVE ME
STRENGTH.

ARCHBISHOP
VITTORIO!

THANK
GOD YOU ARE
ALIVE.

THE BRIDGE
WAS IN RUINS




THAT
WITCH LADY
DEATH STOLE
MY VICTORY
FROM ME!

WHERE
IS SHE? I'LL
RUN HER
THROUGH
MYSELF!

YOUR
LORDSHIP
THERE IS
SOMETHING YOU
MUST SEE RIGHT
AWAY.

ANY
SIGN OF
LADY
DEATH?

ONLY
THIS--
HER CAPE.




CAI,
WHAT IS SO
IMPORTANT THAT
YOU DISTURBED
MY PRAYERS?

I HAVE
PRISONERS.
IMPORTANT
PRISONERS.

YOU
DIDN'T SAY
ONE WAS YOUR
BROTHER!

I HAVE NO
BROTHER.

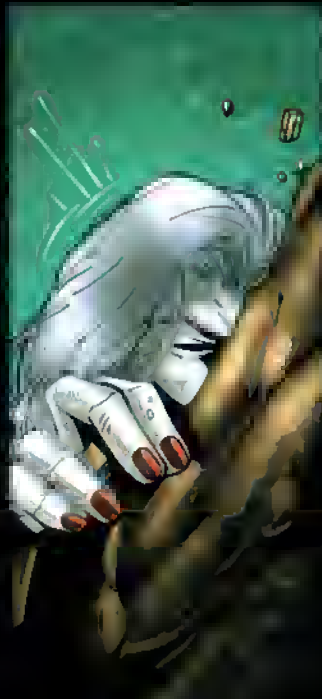
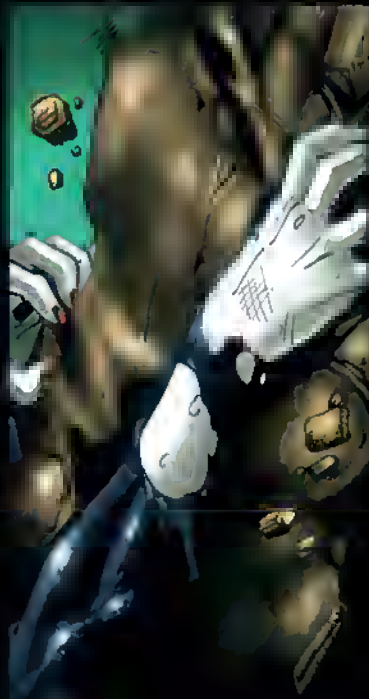


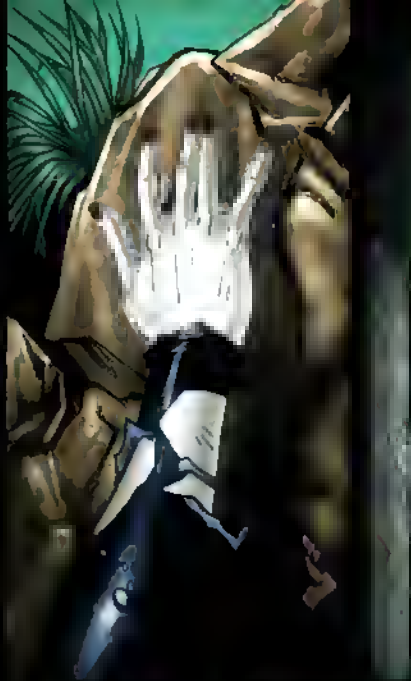
WE
SHOT DOWN
THE **DRAGON-
SPAWN** AS IT
FLEW AWAY
WITH WOLF.

EXCELLENT
WORK.

THIS
CAMPAIGN MAY
NOT HAVE BEEN
FOR NAUGHT
AFTER ALL.

UUUGGGHHHH





WOLF
IS YOUR
BROTHER?

IF
YOU HAVE
ANY DECENCY,
TEND TO HIM.
YOUR BROTHER
IS WOUNDED.

MY
BROTHER
CHOOSE THE
DARK PATH, NOT I.
IF HE SUFFERS ITS
FATE, THEN IT IS
GOD'S WILL.



AS
THAT POMPOUS
WINDBAG WHO LEADS THE
HUMANS FARTED FORTH,
YOURS TRULY REMAINED
NEARBY, HEROICALLY
CONCEALED TO CAPTURE
MORE SECRET KNOWLEDGE
OF THEIR SHINY
TREASURE TROVES...

THOUGH WE
HAVE LOST MANY,
WE HELD OUR OWN
AGAINST OUR GOD-
FEARING ENEMY.

THE
BRIDGE IS DOWN
AND THOUGH WE
CANNOT TRAVERSE IT,
NEITHER CAN THE
WHITE-SKINNED
DEMONS.

LET
US BE ON OUR
WAY BACK TO THE
COMFORTS OF
FRIENDS AND
FAMILY.

...UNTIL I HEARD
SOMETHING STIR
AMONG THE ROCKS.



PERHAPS THERE WERE
LOVELY, LOVELY
JEWELS TO PLUNDER.



I WAS MISTAKEN.

ULP!

HAVE YOU
SEEN MY
CAPE?





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WAIT! I
RECOGNIZE
YOU.

YOU'RE ONE OF
THE CREATURES WHO
ATTACKED ME AT THE
CHURCH.

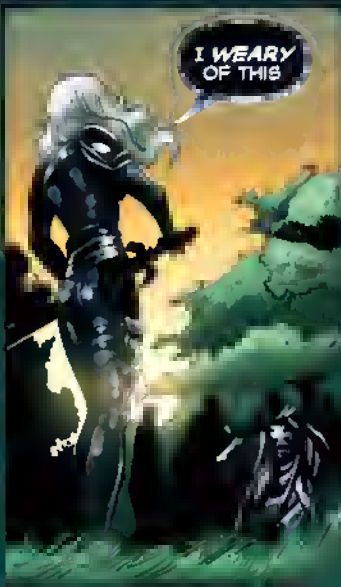
DON'T
TOY WITH ME. I
KNOW YOU SPEAK
THE HUMAN
TONGUE.

THE-
THE KNIGHTS
HAVE YOUR
CAPE.



LOOK
IT'S AN
ELDRITCH!

WORSE
IT'S LADY
DEATH!



I WEARY
OF THIS

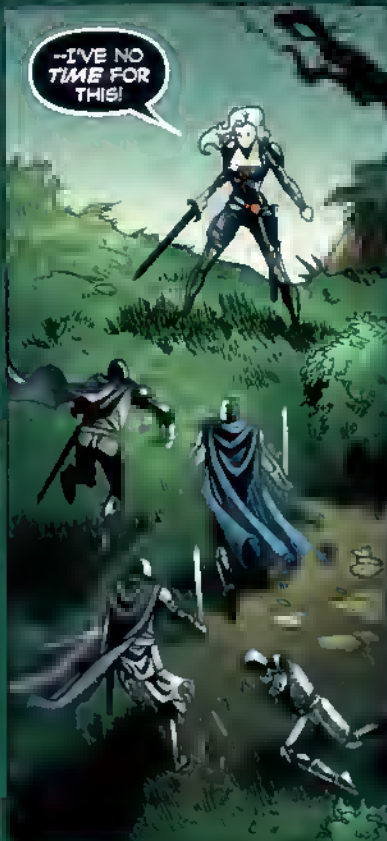


YOU
HEAR
ME?



WHAT'S
BECOME
OF WOLF?

DAMN IT
ALL--

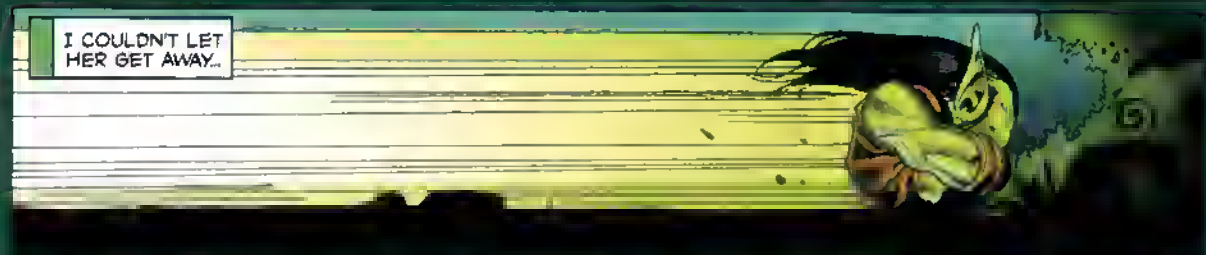


--I'VE NO
TIME FOR
THIS!



WHERE?

SHE'S GONE!



I COULDN'T LET
HER GET AWAY...



...NOT WITH THAT
LOVELY, LOVELY
SWORD.



MY
PARTNER,
WOLF

DID YOU
SEE HIM?

WHY,
YES— THE
KNIGHTS CAPTURED HIM
AND THE DRAGON BEAST.
THEY'RE HEADING TO
VON KRAKHAEUER'S
CATHEDRAL.



SURELY
YOU'D LIKE TO
REWARD THE
MESSENGER?

YOUR
SWORD, IT'S
VERY, VERY
LOVELY.

PLEASE
DON'T KILL
ME.



SHWEWE

WITH CUNNING, WIT AND
LOGIC, I FORCED LADY
DEATH TO STAND DOWN.



CHAR, AS EVER,
YOU ARE THE MOST
HEROIC OF OUR KIND.
FIRST YOU RESCUE LATTAR
AND NOW YOU **BEST** THE
WARRIOR-WOMAN KNOWN
AS LADY DEATH.



LADIES,
LADIES—
THERE'S ENOUGH
OF ME TO GO
AROUND.

YOU KNOW,
MASTER GING,
I WAS
THINKING...

LADY
DEATH'S SWORD IS
QUITE A TRINKET. ONE
SURE TO FETCH A
HEFTY BARTER PRICE
IN ANDARONA.

WHAT
ARE YOU
SCHEMING?



OH,
I'VE GIVEN
IT SOME
THOUGHT...



I WOULD
LIKE TO PROPOSE A
TOAST...

...TO ALL OUR BROTHERS WHO FELL IN BATTLE, MAY THEIR JOURNEY TO THE HEAVENLY GATES BE SWIFT AND MAY THEY BE REUNITED WITH FAMILY FROM DAYS PAST!

HEAR, HEAR!

AND TO OUR ENEMIES, THE ELDRITCH.

MAY THEIR DAYS BE NUMBERED!

AYE!

YOU WONDER *WHY* THE ELDRITCH WANT TO EXTERMINATE HUMANS?

NOW YOU SEE HOW THEY TREAT THEIR OWN.

YOU'RE THORM'S SON PELAGRIM ARE YOU NOT?

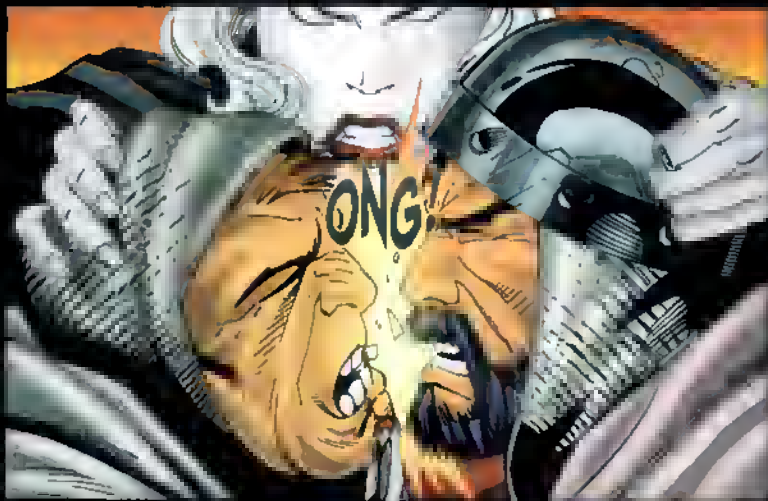
QUIET, DEVIL! I HAVE NO CARE FOR EITHER RACE.

LOW-LANDER MUD RAT

GUARD!

PLEASE, THIS IS BEYOND ALL CRUELTY!

THIS MAN WILL NOT LAST THE NIGHT WITHOUT HELP.









WOLFRAM.
WOLFRAM.
PLEASE BE
ALL RIGHT.

WHAT
ELSE
CAN WE
DO?

WE'VE DRESSED
HIS WOUNDS, APPLIED
HERBS AND REMEDIES.
WE'VE DONE ALL WE
CAN, BUT IT DOESN'T
LOOK GOOD.

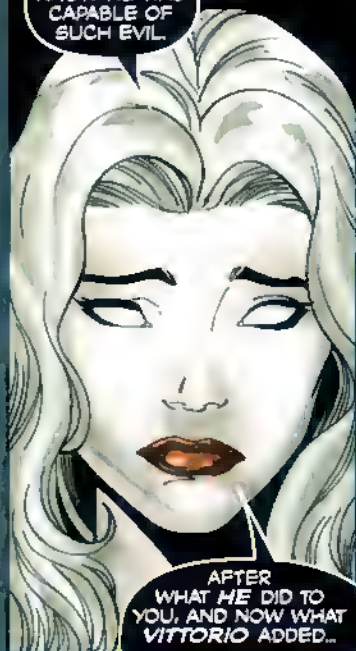


OH,
LORD, THIS
IS ALL MY
FAULT.

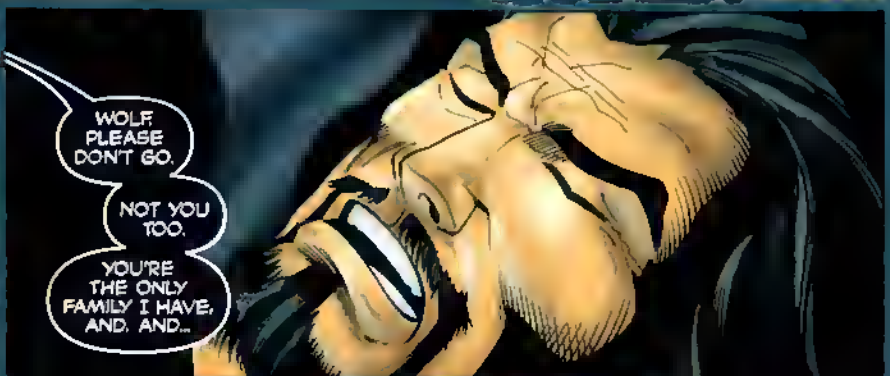


I NEVER SHOULD HAVE DRAGGED
YOU ON MY FOOL'S MISSION TO
AGLAROND, BUT I WANTED TO
SAVE MY FATHER.

I DIDN'T
KNOW HE WAS
CAPABLE OF
SUCH EVIL.



AFTER
WHAT HE DID TO
YOU, AND NOW WHAT
VITTORIO ADDED...



WOLF
PLEASE
DON'T GO.

NOT YOU
TOO.

YOU'RE
THE ONLY
FAMILY I HAVE.
AND, AND...



IS
THERE
ANYTHING YOU
CAN DO,
JINN?

NO,
I'M AFRAID
NOT. I AM
NOT A
HEALER.

THE
QUESTION IS, IS
THERE ANYTHING YOU
CAN DO? YOU HAVE
MAGICAL ABILITIES,
DO YOU NOT?





WALTER,
EXPLAIN
YOURSELF WHAT
HAPPENED
HERE?



...UGH...

I CANNOT,
LORD.

SHE
MOVED
LIKE THE
WIND

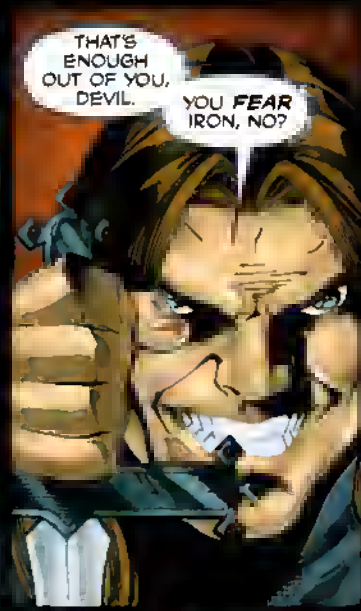


IT WAS
THE HALF-
BREED.

SHE
MADE
JOKES OUT
OF YOUR
MEN.

IS
THIS THE BEST
YOU CAN DO,
ARCHBISHOP?

THE BATTLE IS NOT YET
OVER. MY FATHER WILL RETURN
TO RAVAGE YOUR LANDS AND
EXTERMINATE YOUR PEOPLE.



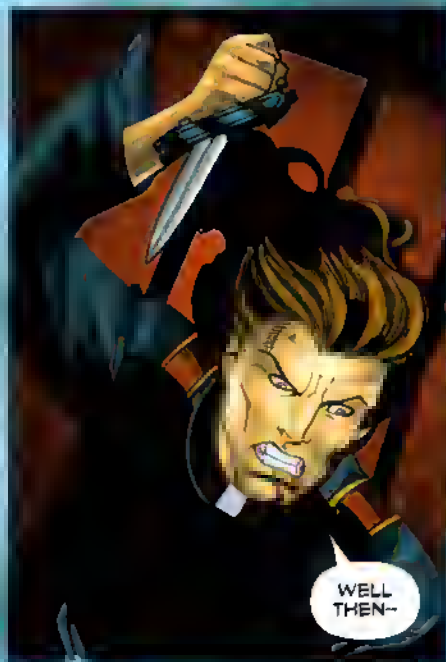
THAT'S
ENOUGH
OUT OF YOU,
DEVIL.

YOU **FEAR**
IRON, NO?



IF
YOU HARM ME
YOU WILL PAY A
THOUSAND
TIMES OVER.

MY
FATHER WILL
SEE **MY** BLOOD
ON **YOUR**
HANDS.



WELL THEN--



--LET HIM SEE IT!



I HAVE BEEN INSTALLED HERE BY THE POPE HIMSELF TO BE THE EYES AND EARS OF GOD IN THIS TERRITORY.

THAT WOMAN, THAT HALF-BREED LADY DEATH, IS AN ABOMINATION IN THE FACE OF OUR LORD GOD.

I WILL USE EVERY RESOURCE MY DISPOSAL TO BRING HER DOWN.



BY NOW THE ARCHBISHOP HAS DISCOVERED THAT YOU ARE MISSING.

WE'D BEST BE ON OUR WAY.

CAN YOU CHANGE TO YOUR DRAGON FORM?

I'M AFRAID NOT, I NEED TIME TO RECOVER.



THAT'S
ALL RIGHT

EVERY
THING IS
GOING TO BE
JUST FINE.

YOU'LL
SEE

CONTINUED